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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING U.S. MILITARY AND VIETNAMESE EMBASSY
PERSONNEL

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1. IN TAIPEI LATE EVENING MRCH 15, A PRIVATELY-OWNED CAR DRIVEN BY AN AMERICAN ENLISTED MAN ATTACHED TO U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND WAS FIRED ON TWICE FROM CAR DRIVEN BY MEMBERS OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY. ONE OF SHOTS STRUCK AMERICAN'S CAR, BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ONLY EXPLANATION AT THIS TIME IS THAT FIRING OF SHOTS WAS IRRATIONAL REACTION TO TRAFFIC SITUATION IN WHICH BOTH DRIVERS FAILED TO OBSERVE DRIVING COURTESIES.

2. BOTH AMERICAN AND OCCUPANTS OF OTHER CAR REPORTED INCIDENT TO PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE. VIETNAMESE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS DANG DUC HIEN, FIRST SECRETARY, AND NGUYEN VAN KIEU, THIRD SECRETARY. (NOTE THAT LATTER HAS SAME NAME, AT LEAST IN ENGLISH TRANSLITERATION, AS VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO ROC.) HIEN AND KIEU REFUSED TO MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT OR SIGN REPORT, SAYING THEY WOULD "MAKE COMPLAINT" THROUGH RO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

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3. CHINESE AUTHORITIES LOOK UPON CARRYING AND USE OF

FIREARMS AS VERY SERIOUS MATTER, AND WE CONSIDER IT
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT INCIDENT MAY RESULT IN RECALL OF
THE TWO VIETNAMESE.

4. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE.
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